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HYDRAULIC CONTROL VALVE

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**PETITION TO CLAIM BENEFIT UNDER 35 U.S.C. 121 OF A PRIOR COPENDING  
NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION**

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Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions, in accordance with § 1.78(a)(3), to claim benefit, for this application 35 U.S.C. 121 of prior copending nonprovisional application Serial No. 09/298,444, filed April 23, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,435,213, issued August 20, 2002.

Applicant states that the entire delay between the date of the claim for the benefit of the earlier application was due under paragraph (a)(2)(ii) of 37 C.F.R. § 1.78 and the date this claim is filed was unintentional.

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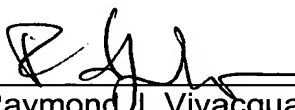
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Respectfully submitted,

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